

## Message Text

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV SF WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: THE LEAKS

1. JOHNNY GRAHAM CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER EVENING OF  
JAN 24 TO SAY THAT HE WAS DISTURBED BY A REPORT HE HAD  
JUST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK OF A CONTACT GROUP MEETING  
WHICH DISCUSSED THE RECENT PRESS LEAKS. HE SAID HE  
REGRETTEED THE WHOLE AFFAIR AND HOPES WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
GET THROUGH THIS ROUGH PATCH WITHOUT TOO MUCH DAMAGE.  
HE ALSO SAID THAT WE SHOULD ALL AVOID POINTING FINGERS  
AT EACH OTHER BUT THAT HE COULD NOT RESIST ONE MORE  
EFFORT TO INDICATE THAT THE SOURCE OF THE LEAKS IS NOT  
BRITISH. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID, HE HAD JUST  
REVIEWED THE RAND DAILY MAIL ARTICLE. HE POINTED OUT  
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THAT IT WAS FLAWED AND THEREFORE COULD NOT REFLECT THE  
KNOWLEDGE OF BRITISH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE NAMIBIA  
EFFORT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE IDEA OF A FOREIGN MINISTERS'  
MEETING IS A US-UK INITIATIVE WHICH THE FRENCH HAD  
INITIALLY RESISTED. THE PAPER CALLS IT A UK-FRENCH  
PROPOSAL. SECONDLY, THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SECRETARY  
GENERAL WAS NEVER A FACTOR IN OUR PLANS. THIRDLY, THE

SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE A HISTORY OF INNUENDO AGAINST DON MCHENRY. GRAHAM THEN AGAIN EMPHASIZED HIS REGRET AND HIS HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR INITIATIVE WITH THE DEGREE OF UNITY THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED IT SO FAR.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER DREW GRAHAM'S ATTENTION TO THE APPLE ARTICLE WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK AT. BREWSTER

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